Brandenburg, Ky. May 22nd 1850

Dear Brother

I recd your & father's letters about a week since both at the same time. I am glad to hear again that you are all well. Clarissa recd that dollar. Perhaps she didn't notice my name carved on one side. I am thankful for your information concerning our posteritory. They were a band of rascals, I shall disown them. Your information about the "black varmint" is not so pleasing. I dont think they ought to be allowed to vote or give evidence any where. If you could know them as I know them, you would think so too. Nine-tenths of them are not human. They are one third baboon, one third skunk, & the other third wibbard. What sense or humanity there is in such a compound is more than most people can imagine. That such animals should be allowed to vote is most foolish. I do not deny that they may be raised to a level with the white man, but it must take a great many years to do it. Ever since the world was created, or rather since the race began, they have been in bondage, or in a savage state. Of course they must be instructed for many succession generations before they can be equal to the whites. Occasionally one is found of some sense, some humanity, but such are three-fourths white. The pure African has no more sense than an animal. He is always placed where strength & hardship are required, & not where forethought & calculation are required. The mulatto is held at

a much higher value & is taken for house service & for the very reason that he is far more intelligent & active than the pure African. All "niggars" that I have ever seen have no more idea of getting a living than the brutes except by stealing. Even in Ct the most of them are ignorant & degraded. The few that are intelligent & learned ought not to be permitted to vote. I will give you my reasons. I would do away with Slavery according to the plan of the Colonization Society. The Northern people have a great abhorrence of slavery & also of "niggars". This country is not their home. I would make them know it & feel it by denying them the rights of freemen. To be sure this would be no great loss, but if they could know that in their native land they would enjoy the same rights that white men do here, it might be some inducement for them to go. The slave that goes north loses of his own land & of course has some desire to see it. The object of the Colonization Society is to send such there & instruct them, & will do it as fast as their means permit. I think this plan would be better than allowing the rights of citizens in a land where they are so universally despised.

You wish to know when I am coming home. When I get money enough to pay the expenses of my studying medicine for three years. This is what I left for, & probably shall not return till I accomplish this object. Perhaps you think I ought to have enough now. A man cannot make much in a land where it costs two-thirds of what he makes to support himself. I intend to continue teaching till I make money enough to prepare

myself to get a living by some better & more honorable business than teaching. I consider it the most cursed God forsaken occupation that a man can be engaged in. These "niggas" around me have an easier & more preferable life than I. The happiest day of my life will be the last day that I have to teach school. I hope that day will soon come. I have now taught 27 weeks in succession, having lost in the whole time only 2 days. I am just as lean as a grey-hound, & if I dont look out I will leave these lower "diggins" in some of the thunder-gusts that are common in this country. I will be a second Enoch, that is, if I do not go to the other place.

Tell Julia I am very thankful for that long & good letter she gave me. She thinks she aught to have one page of this letter devoted to her special benefit. Now do you tell her, if she will get rid of you in some way, I will send her three or four pages. But I have no objection to sending her 2 or 3 sheets now especially the want of time. I have now an opportunity of sending this to the Office (12 miles) & may not have another for one or two weeks. But tell her she must write again. Tell Reuben that he must keep Livonia at school without intermission. I am glad to hear that father has concluded to let the women alone. I used to be foolish like him when I was a boy & thought I wanted a wife, but now I have got old & dont care any thing about the women. Did P. P. Francis marry the daughter of Sam Moore of Shelton? Give my love to all & write soon.

Your brother Steve.

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